GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1830
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2002
DIVERSIFICATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF KONKAN RAILWAYS
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has decided to diversify the activities of Konkan Railway;

(b) if so, whether Konkan Railway is trying to get project outside India;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the details about the Sky-bus proposal for Mumbai bound Konkan Railway Corporation and thename of the authority supplying it;

(d) whether Railway Ministry is going to contribute financially;

(e) whether the precautions will be taken to see that it does not become burden on Konkan Railway and Railway Ministry;

(f) whether Konkan Railway Management has consulted Railway Ministry in this regard;

(g) whether the State Government and contractor are taking full financial responsibilities; and

(h) if so, the details about the plan, directions, actions and guidelines thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (h): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1830 BY SHRI KIRI SOMAIYA TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2002 REGARDING DIVERSIFICATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF KONKAN RAILWAYS

(a): All the activities of the Konkan Railway are as per authority given to them by their Memorandum and Articles of Association.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with Govt. of Iraq covering various aspects of cooperation in railway sector, such as new railway projects, Sky-bus Metro, Sleeper Factory, Exchange of expertise & training, Supply of services,materials & equipments, etc. through Konkan Railway Corporation. In addition, KRCL is also pursuing the Sky-bus Metro projects with various other countries, such as Saudi Arabia, Syria etc. KRCL is alsopursuing Sky-bus Metro projects with various State Governments i.e. Maharashtra, Kerala, Delhi etc.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): Konkan Railway Management is competent to undertake such activities within the purview of their Memorandum and Articles of Association. However, they inform the Ministry of such activities from time to time.

(g): No such agreement has been entered into with State Governments by KRCL so far, nor have any contractors been appointed.

(h): Does not arise in view of (g) above.